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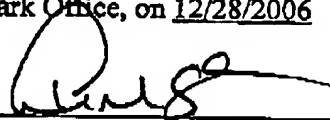
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In response to the Advisory Action mailed 11/24/2006, Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) the Examiner to reconsider the above-referenced application for allowance. In addition, the following claim amendments are submitted as placing the present application in better condition for allowance. As set forth below, Applicant also submits that the Section 102(b) and 103(a) rejections have been overcome and that the subject matter of the claims is clearly not taught or obvious in view of the references as discussed below.

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